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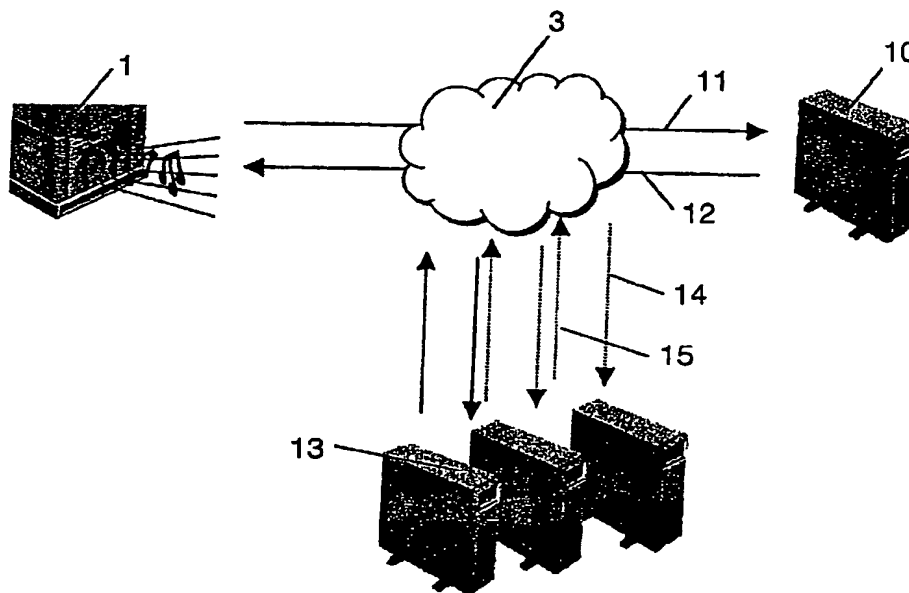
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(57) Abstract: A method for automatically discovering web services comprises querying a known UDDI server address containing a list of web services, identifying from the list suitable web services, and automatically downloading at least one machine readable description of a web service. Apparatus for automatically discovering web services is also described, which comprises communicating means for querying a known UDDI server address containing a list of web services and identifying from the list suitable web services, the communicating means arranged to automatically download at least one machine readable description of a web service.

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